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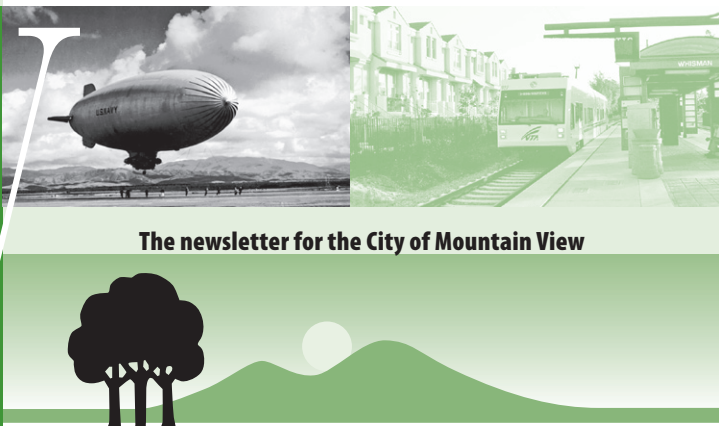
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COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Do not miss these annual community events this Spring and Summer:

- Arbor Day Celebration – March 9
- Downtown Parade – April 27
- Citywide Garage Sale – May 4
- Community Yard Sale – May 11
- Library Family Picnic – June 5
- July 4th Celebration at Shoreline – July 4
- Deer Hollow Farm Spring Tours – March 16, April 20, May 18

For more information call the Community Services Department at (650) 903-6331.



CITY HALL GETS SOCIAL!

City departments use a variety of social media channels to communicate helpful information, safety advisories, events news, traffic alerts and to emergency information.

You can get easy access to updates and real-time information by following City Hall on Twitter at @mtviewcityhall. For additional information, photos, press releases and listings of key events, visit the City's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/City-of-Mountain-View-City-Hall>.

For further information on the City's use of social media, contact the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301 or E-mail kimberly.thomas@mountainview.gov.

CATCH UP ON THE LATEST FROM THE FOLLOWING CITY DEPARTMENTS:

You can also find the following addresses by searching by name.

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 - <http://bit.ly/MVPDGooglePlus>
 - <https://pinterest.com/mountainviewpd/> (Pinterest)
- FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS:**
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- RECREATION NEWS:**
- <https://facebook.com/MountainViewRecreation> (Facebook)
 - <https://facebook.com/mvteens> (Facebook)
- MOUNTAIN VIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS:**
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- SHORELINE AND RENGSTORFF HOUSE NEWS:**
- <https://facebook.com/RengstorffHouse>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/shoreline.mountainview>
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS:**
- [@MountainViewED](https://twitter.com/MountainViewED) (Twitter)

PAY UTILITY BILLS ONLINE OR BY PHONE

Mountain View residents can now pay their utility bills online or by phone. The new, free utility bill paying service accepts electronic checks and most credit cards and is available 24/7.

To pay by phone, call (855) 288-0315 toll free. To pay online, visit www.mountainview.gov/PayYourBill.

Payments via this easy service can be made on a one-time basis, recurring basis or an account may be established to link all utility accounts to a single-payer. Payments and payment history may be viewed, as well as electronic bills or paperless statements. (Each billing will be available once issued and the latest 12 bills will be available to view). The new bill paying service is already off to a great start, with nearly 1,000 customers in the first month.

For more information, call the Finance and Administrative Services Department at (650) 903-6317 or visit www.mountainview.gov/payyourbill.asp.



EASIER ACCESS TO CITY INFORMATION

The City is currently redesigning its website, upgrading the online permitting system, improving public wireless services in public buildings, deploying an updated Geographic Information System (GIS), and initiating an electronic records management system citywide.

The new website design is expected in early Fall, and will make information easier to access and services easier to use. In 2014, the new records management system will make government documents more readily available to the public, including Council agendas and packets.

These new information technology improvements were designed based on input from residents, businesses and visitors who use the City's online services. The City received more than 100 public comments, offering ideas on content, preferred visual cues, usability, graphics, organization and search features.

For further information, contact the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301 or E-mail kimberly.thomas@mountainview.gov.



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NEW BUILDING PERMIT SERVICES

The Building Division is making improvements to its **Fast Track Permitting** system which now allows existing commercial and retail improvement projects under 30,000 sq. ft. to obtain plan review and permits in five days or fewer. Previously, only projects less than 10,000 sq. ft. could use the Fast Track system.

In addition, the Building Division has also initiated a pilot **One-Stop Permit Program** that will enable existing commercial office and retail interior tenant improvement projects less than 15,000 sq. ft. to obtain permits on the same day as the scheduled plan review. This pilot program will be evaluated and reviewed by staff in the coming months and may be expanded in the future.

For more information about these new services or to schedule a plan review, view the information on the Building Division website: www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/community_development/buildings or call the Building Division at (650) 903-6313.



CITY WINS HEALTH AND WELLNESS AWARDS

Mountain View recently received multiple awards from the National League of Cities for its efforts to meet health and wellness goals for Let's Move! Cities Towns and Counties (LMCTC). The LMCTC Program encourages elected officials to adopt sustainable and holistic policies that improve a community's access to healthy and affordable food and opportunities for physical activity.

The National League of Cities awarded 541 medals to 118 communities across the country. Mountain View received four awards:

- Bronze Medal in Goal I: Start Early, Start Smart
- Bronze, Silver and Gold Medals in Goal II: MyPlate, Your Place
- Bronze, Silver and Gold Medals in Goal IV: Model Food Service
- Bronze, Silver and Gold Medals in Goal V: Active Kids at Play

For more information on LMCTC, visit www.healthycommunitieshealthyfuture.org or contact the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301.

CaliforniaFIRST



LOW-COST FINANCING FOR ENERGY SAVING UPGRADES

Commercial and multifamily property owners may be eligible for low-cost financing for clean energy and water conservation upgrades at their Mountain View properties through the CaliforniaFIRST program. CaliforniaFIRST offers low-cost, long-term financing for energy efficiency, renewable energy and water conservation improvements that are permanently affixed to commercial and multifamily properties.

Properties eligible for the CaliforniaFIRST program include multi-family buildings with five or more units, as well as industrial, retail, agricultural and office spaces. The minimum financing amount is \$50,000, while the maximum financing amount depends on the property value. Property owners participating in the CaliforniaFIRST program agree to repay the cost of improvements through a line item on their property tax bill over the life of the improvements.

Eligible upgrades include energy-efficient lighting, windows and doors, insulation, heating and cooling (HVAC) equipment, solar photovoltaic (PV) and hot water systems, cool roofs, electric vehicle charging stations, low-flow toilets, urinals, showerheads and grey water systems.

For more information or to apply for financing, visit www.CaliforniaFIRST.org.



TEEN FRIENDLY BUSINESS PROGRAM

Mountain View's Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) has initiated a new program designed to recognize local businesses that are hospitable to young people. The Teen Friendly Business Program began by asking Mountain View youth to nominate businesses that treat teens in a respectful way, provide good customer service, provide job opportunities to teens and provide an overall welcoming environment for teens. The Youth Advisory Committee will be recognizing a total of twelve businesses throughout 2013 as part of the new program. Businesses will be given a decal for their storefront stating that they are a recognized 'Teen Friendly Business.'

Mountain View's Youth Advisory Committee is made up of middle school and high school students who advise the City Council on youth related issues. For more information, contact the YAC at (650) 903-6410

NEW REUSABLE BAG ORDINANCE – EFFECTIVE ON EARTH DAY

In December 2012, the Mountain View City Council adopted a Reusable Bag Ordinance prohibiting the free distribution of single-use carryout bags in retail stores and encouraging the use of reusable bags. Adoption of the ordinance is part of a regional effort by 24 cities in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties to reduce the adverse environmental impacts related to single-use carryout bags.



With the new ordinance, stores are banned from providing plastic carryout bags. Customers are encouraged to bring their own reusable bags for shopping. Paper and reusable bags may be provided at the checkout stand by the retailer for a minimum charge of ten cents per bag. Protective paper or plastic bags without handles used to transport meat, produce or prescriptions from within a department to the checkout stand are exempt from the ten cent charge. Customers paying with WIC, CalFresh or food stamp vouchers may be provided paper bags at no charge. Businesses not subject to the ordinance include dry cleaners, non-profit charitable reusers (thrift stores), restaurants and fast-food establishments.

The ordinance will take effect on **April 22, 2013**, to coincide with the celebration of Earth Day. For more information, visit www.MVrecycle.org or contact the Solid Waste and Recycling staff at (650) 903-6311.

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City Mission Statement

The City of Mountain View provides quality services and facilities that meet the needs of a caring and diverse community in a financially responsible manner.

NEIGHBORHOOD PRECISE PLAN UPDATES

This year, the City will begin updating the precise plans for three neighborhood areas in Mountain View: North Bayshore, San Antonio, and El Camino Real. The updated precise plans for these areas will include new zoning regulations regarding allowed land uses, building heights and design standards.

In updating these precise plans, the City will be guided by the goals and policies set forth in Mountain View's newly updated General Plan. As part of the precise plan update process, the City will gather public input through workshops and public hearings. Each precise plan will also have a project website to provide information on the update process.

For additional information, including how to sign up for electronic notification of meetings related to these projects, call the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306 or E-mail community.dev@mountainview.gov.



PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN

The City Council recently approved Mountain View's first Pedestrian Master Plan, which sets goals for making the city safe and accessible for walking. The purpose of the plan is to help ensure policies and actions that support and complement the mobility-related goals included in the 2030 General Plan, approved by the City Council in July 2012.

The new plan specifically addresses the needs of pedestrians in Mountain View and is aimed at improving the pedestrian environment. Copies of the plan are available on the City's website at www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/public_works/.

Contact the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311 for more information.

PROTECTING OWLS AT SHORELINE PARK



The Mountain View City Council recently adopted an update to the City's approach to creating a safe habitat for the burrowing owl population in Shoreline at Mountain View Park. During the past decade, the burrowing owl population in the Bay Area has dropped to such low levels that it is at risk of completely disappearing. Shoreline is a 750-acre regional park with 442 acres of landfill area and approximately 438 acres of suitable owl habitat. The updated strategy for maintaining and increasing the owl population at Shoreline is called the "Burrowing Owl Preservation Plan" and is available at www.mountainview.gov/services/city_plans.asp

The preservation plan focuses on improving the quality of both the nesting and foraging habitat for the birds. In addition, the updated plan is intended to minimize ground disturbances from the nearby landfill and human intrusion, as well as to increase burrows and decrease predators.

For information about the Burrowing Owl Preservation Plan, call (650) 903-6074.

FRANKLIN STREET FAMILY APARTMENTS

The Franklin Street Family Apartments offer 51 new affordable family apartments in vibrant Downtown Mountain View (135 Franklin Street). There has been strong community interest in these apartments, which should be ready for occupancy in March 2013. More than 400 applications were received for these 51 apartments and about 300 of these applicants are families who live or work in Mountain View. Families with qualified incomes who have lived in Mountain View for at least the past six months or worked in Mountain View for at least the past year will be given first preference to rent an apartment and will be selected through a lottery. Apartments will be affordable for households earning 30% to 50% of the Area Median Income or about \$31,000 to \$52,000 annual income for a family of four. The City of Mountain View has invested over \$10 million in local affordable housing funds to support this unique housing opportunity.

Please contact ROEM Corporation, the project developer, at (650) 533-3902, for more information about the Franklin Street Family Apartments.



NEW PD ROBOT

The Mountain View Police Department SWAT team recently purchased a tactical robot known as the AVATAR. The AVATAR is a rugged, easy-to-use tactical robot that enhances the capabilities of law enforcement and first-responders by allowing them to quickly and safely inspect dangerous situations. The remote controlled robot has a camera that allows SWAT operators to clear unknown areas and helps commanders assess potential threats. With articulating arm-flippers, the robot is able to traverse a variety of objects, including stairs.

PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

455 San Antonio Road – As part of the ongoing San Antonio Center revitalization project, a new Safeway super market is scheduled to open this Spring 2013. The building is designed with rooftop parking and elevators for customers.

The Village at San Antonio – The leasing of 330 new residential apartment homes known as Carmel The Village, located on the former site of the San Antonio Shopping Center began in January. Occupancy is slated for early Spring 2013.



690 E. Middlefield Road - Construction of two new 5-story office buildings at the corner of Middlefield Road and Highway 237 continues on schedule. The 340,000 sq. ft. project was approved by the City Council in 2008. Completion is expected in Fall 2013.

2650 & 2656 El Camino Real West - Construction of a 193-unit, four-story apartment complex on El Camino Real West continues on schedule. The project replaces the former San Antonio Inn and was approved by the City Council in 2012. Occupancy is expected in Fall 2014.



You can
register for Recreation
classes on line by visiting [http://
online.activenetwork.com/
mvrecreation](http://online.activenetwork.com/mvrecreation).

COMMUNITY IN FOCUS

DOWNTOWN PARADE ON APRIL 27

Mountain View’s 35th Annual Spring Family Parade marches down Castro Street on Saturday, April 27. The parade begins at noon on Castro Street at Villa Street. This year’s theme is ‘Wild About Mountain View’.

The fun continues after the parade until 3:00 p.m. with children’s activities, music, entertainment and food in Pioneer Park, located just behind Civic Center Plaza at 500 Castro Street.

If you or your group would like to participate in the parade, you will find more information and registration deadlines at www.mountainview.gov. For additional information, call the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331.



4TH OF JULY CONCERT AT SHORELINE

The City of Mountain View will once again co-sponsor the annual July 4th celebration at Shoreline Amphitheatre, featuring the San Francisco Symphony and a spectacular fireworks display. Mountain View residents will be eligible to receive a limited number of free and discounted tickets. Additional ticket and event information will be available in May on the City’s website at www.mountainview.gov. For more information about the event, call the Shoreline Amphitheatre Box Office at (650) 967-4040.



RENGSTORFF HOUSE EVENTS

The Rengstorff House, Mountain View’s oldest home, offers a host of public events and exhibits throughout the Spring and Summer. The House is located at 3070 N. Shoreline Boulevard, Mountain View, in Shoreline at Mountain View Park.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ZOOM in on Shoreline at Mountain View: From Wetlands to Wonder – A photography exhibit featuring historical imagery, landscapes, waterscapes, patterns in nature, contemporary close-ups and interpretation, wildlife, recreation and more, through March 6.

Spring Melody Tea – Saturday, April 20 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Space is limited for this Friends of ‘R’ House event. For ticket information, E-mail Rengstorff.events@gmail.com.

Lovely Lace – April 28 through July 24. A display of vintage and modern-day lace, in partnership with the Sunnyvale Lace Museum. Save the date also for Fingers Tied: A Loop and Lace Event, Sunday, May 19 from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., featuring lace-making demonstrations, loop-and-lace crafts and fun activities for kids.

Arts Festival – July 31 through September 1. Sponsored by the Friends of ‘R’ House, the Festival includes a fine arts show in the House, student artwork from the Community School of Music and Arts and local artists’ work, as well as performances in the gardens every Sunday in August. The opening reception for artists and members of the public is Thursday, August 1 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. For information about the performance schedule, visit www.r-house.org.

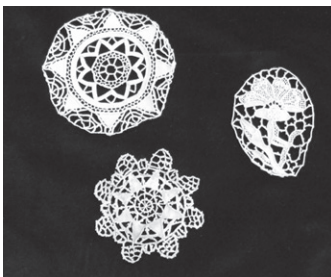


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FREE SUMMER OUTDOOR MOVIES

Do not miss Mountain View’s free Outdoor Movie Nights this Summer, cosponsored by the Mountain View Youth Advisory Committee and the City of Mountain View Recreation Division. Movies begin at 8:30 p.m.

- Friday, July 12th at Cuesta Park – “Madagascar 3” (PG)
- Friday, July 19th at Sylvan Park – “Antz” (PG)
- Friday, July 26th at Eagle Park – “Wreck It Ralph” (PG)
- Friday, August 2nd at Stevenson Park – “Shrek” (PG)
- Friday, August 9th at Whisman Park – “Dr. Seuss’ The Lorax” (PG)
- Friday, August 16th at Rengstorff Park – “Hotel Transylvania”

For more information on the Summer Outdoor Movie Night series, call (650) 903-6410.



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EVENTS AT SHORELINE PARK

Shoreline at Mountain View, the City’s 750-acre wild-life and recreation area, offers a variety of events for adults and children this Spring and Summer. Besides scheduled events, the sprawling park offers hiking trails, a boating lake, restaurants and an 18-hole golf course.

Docent-led Bird Watching Walk – March 24. Departing at 9:00 a.m., this environmental walk will observe and identify neo-tropical birds on their migratory route along the Pacific Flyway. Departs from the San Antonio Road gate (near Charleston Slough). Bring binoculars. For more information E-mail Shoreline.Docent.Walks@mountainview.gov or call (650) 903-6392.

Docent-led Nature Walk – April 28. Departing at 9:00 a.m., this docent-led walk through Shoreline Park will search out bird nests, hatchlings and other springtime wildlife. Departs from the San Antonio Road Gate (near Charleston Slough). Bring binoculars. For more information E-mail Shoreline.Docent.Walks@mountainview.gov or call (650) 903-6392.

Junior Ranger Program Kickoff Event – June 2. For children ages 6-12, this event will introduce children to the Park’s new Junior Ranger Program with a guide-book of fun and educational activities regarding land use, debris management, recycling, renewable energy, historic preservation, park safety, outdoor preparedness and bird conservation, as well as rare and endangered species. The event takes place at the Rengstorff House from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. To pre-register for the kick-off event to earn the Junior Ranger badge, E-mail Volunteer@mountainview.gov or call (650) 903-6392.

Kite Flying at Shoreline – June 23. Visit www.mountainview.gov/shoreline-walks-talks-events.

Summer Scavenger Hunt for All Ages – July 28. Visit www.mountainview.gov/shoreline-walks-talks-events.

DEER HOLLOW FARM TOURS THIS SPRING

Deer Hollow, the 10-acre working farm sponsored by the City, offers tours throughout the Spring. Located in Rancho San Antonio County Park, the farm includes chickens, ducks, rabbits, goats and a cow, as well as a garden, orchard and century-old farm buildings.

The tours cost \$7 and will raise money to support the farm, which is operated by the City of Mountain View, with support from Cupertino and Los Altos Hills, along with the Mid-peninsula Regional Open Space District, Santa Clara County and Friends of Deer Hollow Farm. Tours are available from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on:

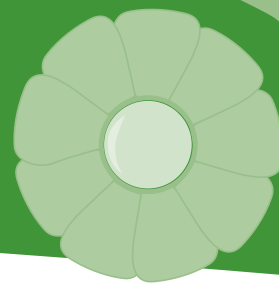
Saturday, March 16

Saturday, April 20

Saturday, May 18

For more information, visit www.mountainview.gov or www.fodhf.org.

There is fun to be had right here
in Mountain View this Spring and Summer
for all ages. Community activities abound for
any interest!



LIBRARY SPRING/SUMMER ACTIVITIES



LIBRARY SUMMER PROGRAMS

The Mountain View Public Library offers a wide range of free summer programs for children, teenagers and adults. Sign-ups begin May 1 online at www.mountainview.gov/library and continue throughout the Summer. You may also sign-up at the Library, 585 Franklin Street.

Summer activities at the Mountain View Library include:

Family Kick-off Picnic: Wednesday, June 5th 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Bring a picnic dinner and learn more about Library programs in Pioneer Park (behind the Library). The Friends of the Library sweeten the evening with cake for dessert, followed by live entertainment.

Sing a Summer Song: Tuesdays 10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., June 11th - August 6th. Drop in to any or all of these outdoor concerts with our favorite performers.

Super School-Age Programs: Thursdays 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m., June 13th - August 1st. Animals, magic, science, stories and more for children entering grades K-5. Most programs will be outside.

Librology: July 1st – July 31st. This original Mountain View reading and research game is played whenever the Library is open and is for readers 8 and older.

Spanish Story Time and Read Quest: Check the Library website for times. The Read Quest program is for children entering grades 3 and 4 (ages 8 - 9) and the spanish Story Time program is for ages 3 - 5.

Teen Programs: Drop in and registered activities. Teen programs are designed for students entering grade 6 and up.

Adult Programs: Check the Library website for times. Enjoy crafts, cooking, speakers and more.

A detailed schedule of programs for preschoolers, children and teens will be available in early April. Watch the Library website mountainview.gov/library or call Children's Services (650) 903-6897 for more information.



MAKERSPACE — A PLACE TO CREATE AT THE LIBRARY



Mountain View Public Library received a \$15,000 Innovation & Technology grant from the Pacific Library Partnership to create a space for library users to meet, learn, brainstorm and use technology tools to create things. Commonly known as a makerspace, this new program will foster peer learning by offering workshops, presentations and lectures. Also, there will be space for users to work on individual projects or to collaborate on group projects using technology available in the Library. This new, free service begins in late Spring or early Summer.

The goal is to expose people to new tools and skills rooted in the increasingly popular do-it-yourself culture. For example, users might use the space to build arduino-controlled robots, make solar powered iPhone chargers out of Altoid tins or craft costumes for ComiCon.

The Library is looking for local volunteer experts to help make the new makerspace a success. If you are interested in designing or assisting with a workshop in sewing, programming, electronics, CAD, robotics, jewelry-making or another interesting topic, E-mail Ann Awakuni at ann.awakuni@mountainview.gov or Paul Sims at paul.sims@mountainview.gov.

LIBRARY OFFERS FREE TAX HELP — MARCH 13

Taxpayers with an adjusted gross income of less than \$31,000 (\$57,000 for military personnel) can get assistance preparing and filing their taxes at the Mountain View Library from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. on March 13. This free event will offer tax industry and technology volunteers to assist taxpayers in using tax software to help in the preparation of returns.

The event will promote the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and ensure EITC-eligible families and individuals claim the important tax credit. An estimated 800,000 eligible Californians failed to claim EITC in 2009. Based on income and family size, EITC could boost a tax refund by up to \$5,891. Individuals can learn if they are EITC-eligible by using the EITC Calculator at www.taxprephelp.org or downloading the EITC Finder App directly to their smartphone

While walk-ins are welcome, interested taxpayers are encouraged to call 1-(866)-577-1231 to make an appointment.

WHO: Income Eligible Taxpayers

WHAT: Free tax prep assistance for lower-income individuals and families by industry experts

WHEN: Wednesday, March 13, 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St. Computer Training Center, 2nd Floor

HOW: Make an appointment by calling (866)-577-1231.

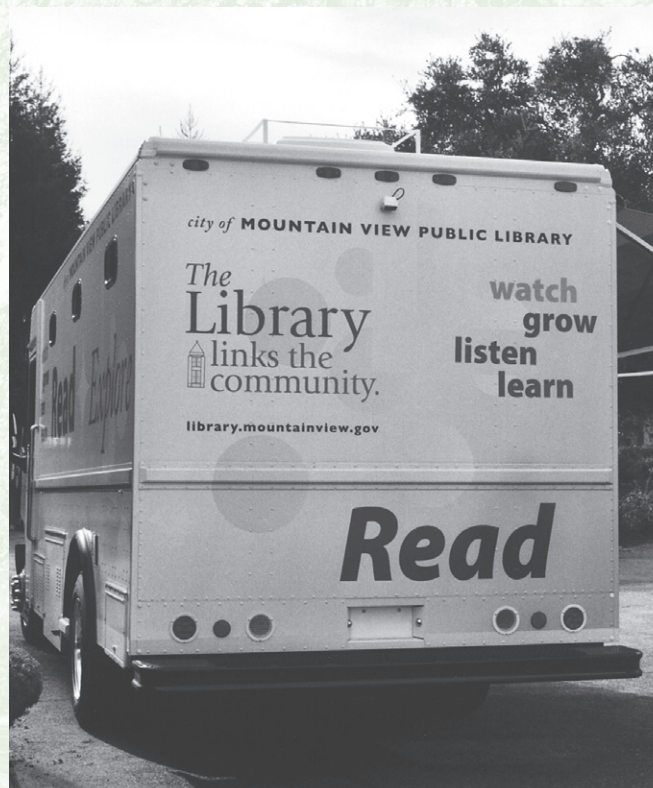
LIBRARY RECEIVES GOOGLE GRANT

Google has awarded the Mountain View Library \$89,000 to expand Mobile Library services to schools and to initiate a laptop/tablet loan service for patrons at the Library at 585 Franklin Street. The City's Mobile Library, a vehicle that carries a wide collection of materials to various locations in the city, was originally purchased in 2004 with a grant from Google. In addition, the City received \$75,000 to operate the vehicle in 2010.

This latest grant will expand the Mobile Library's current route, which includes preschools, senior facilities, corporate campus locations and Castro School. The additional stops will provide service to Theuerkauf, Stevenson, and Monta Loma schools.

In addition, the current grant funding will provide laptop computers and tablets at the Library that can be used to access the internet. The Library currently offers internet access via desktop computers.

For more information about the new Google grant programs, check online at www.mountainview.gov or call the Library at (650) 903-6335.



CONNECTING WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROGRAM – CONNECTING WITH YOUR COMMUNITY!

The City of Mountain View's Volunteer Services Program gives you the opportunity to turn your special talents and abilities into positive action. For more information, call Bill Mykytka, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at (650) 903-6607 or visit www.mountainview.gov to download a volunteer application.

CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Center for Performing Arts – Ushers - Volunteers are needed as ushers at performances at the Center. All new ushers must attend training workshops on March 4 and March 11 at 7:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. For more information and to register, contact Liz Nelson at (650) 903-6568 or Liz@mvcpa.com.

Deer Hollow Farm - School Year Teaching Docents - Volunteers are needed to teach small groups of elementary school children about the farm and garden and Native American studies. Training is provided and no experience is necessary. School year classes are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. For more information E-mail dhfarms@mountainview.gov or call (650) 903-6430.

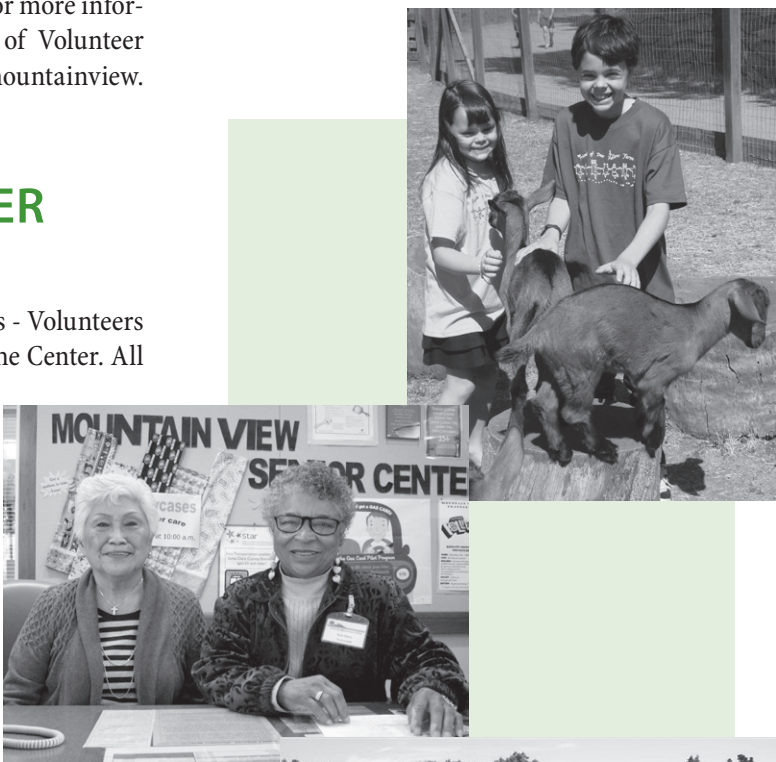
Shoreline at Mountain View - The following volunteer opportunities are currently available:

- **Patrol Rangers** assist Shoreline at Mountain View and Stevens Creek Trail users by providing information

regarding routes, park facilities, safety and by keeping trails free of litter.

- **Gatehouse Attendants** greet visitors, monitor activities and educate the public about Shoreline at Mountain View, a 750-acre wildlife and recreation resource area.

- **Environmental Docents** educate members of the public about the area's unique history, diverse species



and bay lands ecosystem by providing one-hour docent-led walks.

- **Rengstorff House Docents** conduct guided tours of Rengstorff House and lead educational programs exploring Mountain View's early history. Rengstorff House docents may also provide special tours and activities for school/scout groups, senior centers and other special events.

For additional information, E-mail kristina.perino@mountainview.gov or call (650) 903-6073.

"The way I feel when helping others by giving back to the community is in itself enough to make me continue helping in any way I can!"

~ Paula Stundtner

Paula began volunteering with the City in 1980s and has worked at the Art & Wine Festival, the Center for the Performing Arts, the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and as a tutor for 5th graders at Castro School.

Recreation – Tennis Court Advocates – Assist with tennis court patrols, track hours, report violations, and educate the public on court rules and City policies. For more information, E-mail bill.mykytka@mountainview.gov or call (650) 903-6607.

Special Events

Each year the Recreation Department runs a number of special events, including the annual Spring parade, the Halloween Monster Bash and the December Tree Lighting. If you would like to be a part of the Special Events Volunteer Team, E-mail bill.mykytka@mountainview.gov or call (650) 903-6607.

GREEN EVENTS & TIPS

CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY ON MARCH 9TH

Mountain View celebrates Arbor Day on Saturday, March 9th with a variety of events in Pioneer Park behind City Hall, 500 Castro Street. Activities include a tree planting in the park. The City also plans to make approximately 125 new trees available to individual residents this year for planting on their property. The planting event is part of the City's forestry restoration efforts and the celebration of the State of California's Arbor Day. The Library will also be hosting story time from 10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. for ages 2 - 5 and will include Arbor Day stories and a craft activity.

For more information about Arbor Day activities, call the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division at (650) 903-6273.

CELEBRATING EARTH MONTH IN APRIL

STEVENS CREEK TRAIL CLEAN UP APRIL 20

You can help maintain and preserve one of Mountain

View's most beautiful resources, the Stevens Creek Trail, by volunteering for the annual trail clean up on Saturday, April 20 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. For registration information and age guidelines, visit www.stevenscreektrail.org.



FREE WATER-WISE LANDSCAPE CLASSES

In partnership with the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA), the City of Mountain View is hosting landscape education classes this Spring to help customers use water more efficiently.

Design Elements of a Water-Efficient Garden – Explore ideas for incorporating water-efficient design elements into your garden. Includes an interactive landscape design activity. Saturday, March 23, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Create a Lush Garden with Drought-Tolerant Plants – Learn how to create a lush-looking garden with beautiful water-efficient shrubs, grasses, trees and flowers. Thursday, April 4, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Tree Care for Water-Conserving Landscapes – This class will address proper care, maintenance and irrigation techniques for promoting the long-term vitality and growth of trees in water-conserving gardens. Saturday, April 20, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Maintaining Your Native Garden – Learn how maintenance of water-conserving gardens differs from that of traditional landscapes. Class will include the care and maintenance of California native and drought-tolerant plants, soil and irrigation equipment. Saturday, May 11, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

For more details and to register for a class, call (650) 349-3000 or visit www.bawasca.org. Space is limited and reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis.

REPAIR YOUR LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION SYSTEM

When turning your watering system back on for the upcoming warm and dry weather, don't forget to check for leaks and breaks in irrigation lines, spray heads and emitters. Correcting these problems saves water and promotes garden health.

GREEN GARDEN SHOWCASE

Join Mountain View's Green Garden Showcase to share your gardening success and inspire others to adopt earth-friendly landscaping practices. Showcase gardens use water efficiently, provide wildlife habitat and nurture the soil. Learn more and apply to join the showcase by visiting www.garden-showcase.mountainview.gov.



For Calendar updates on all meetings and events, visit the City's website at www.mountainview.gov/events or tune into KMVT (cable TV CH 26)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MV Apps for Android and iPhone

Mountain View now offers an Android phone application for the City's Ask Mountain View service, which provides 24-hour online access to City Hall information, as well as a variety of other services. An iPhone application was made available in 2010 and is available from the Apple Store.

Download the new Android app at www.mountainview.gov and search for Ask Mountain View. You may also download the app from Google Play.

The City receives more than 16,000 hits per year from residents using the Ask Mountain View service. It's a great way to receive status updates on projects, access links and to get answers to frequently asked questions.

For more information about phone apps and Ask Mountain View features, visit www.mountainview.gov or contact the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301 or kimberly.thomas@mountainview.gov.



CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE AT YOUR HOME

May 4, throughout Mountain View, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Hold a sale at your home, coordinate with your neighbors for a block sale, or raise funds for a community group. Printed maps of the sales will be available at City Hall on May 3. Register by April 19 online at www.MVRecycle.org or call (650) 903-6227 for a form.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

May 11, Rengstorff Park, 201 S. Rengstorff Avenue, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Shop or sell along with more than 100 vendors. Sellers register to rent space for a small fee. Call the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331 for more information and to register.

FREE PAPER SHREDDING EVENTS

April 27, August 24 and November 2, at the SMaRT Station in Sunnyvale, 301 Carl Road, 8:00 a.m. to noon. Bring unwanted tax returns, bank statements, medical records and other personal documents. No heavy binders or binder clips. Limit five banker-sized boxes or paper bags per resident. Unloading assistance, if needed. Call (650) 903-6311 for more information.

CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED:

Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day

Thursday, July 4 for Independence Day

The View newsletter is part of the City's community outreach and information program. Should you have any questions about the latest issue of *The View*, please call (650) 903-6210 or send an E-mail to: kimberly.thomas@mountainview.gov

CALENDAR OF REGULAR MEETINGS*

Council, Board, Committee and Commission Meetings. Please check the City website at www.mountainview.gov, KMVT (cable TV Channel 26), or contact the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6304 to confirm dates and times. Agendas are posted on the web site and on the bulletin board outside City Hall.

City Council – meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Castro Street. (Occasional study sessions meet on many of the other Tuesdays.)

Library Board – meets the third Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m., Library Conference Room, Library, 585 Franklin Street.

Environmental Planning Commission – meets the first and third Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

Human Relations Commission – meets the first Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Plaza Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

Parks and Recreation Commission – meets the second Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee – meets bi-monthly the last Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Plaza Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

Downtown Committee – meets as needed.

Performing Arts Committee – meets the third Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Atrium Conference Room, City Hall, Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street.

Visual Arts Committee – meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Atrium Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

Youth Advisory Committee – meets the first Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m., Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Avenue.

Senior Advisory Committee – meets the third Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m., Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue.

*All dates and locations are subject to change.

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

SUMMER HEAT PRECAUTIONS:

- Drink plenty of fluids and provide water for your pets.
- Avoid excessive exposure to the sun and use sunscreen.
- Dress in lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing and wear a hat or use an umbrella.
- Do not leave children or pets unattended in vehicles.
- Limit physical activity during hottest time of day (usually 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.).
- Call 911 for emergencies.

WATER/POOL SAFETY:

- Teach all children to swim and never let them swim alone.
- A self-closing, self-latching fence should surround backyard pools/spas.
- Use alarms on windows and doors that open to the pool area.
- Mount lifesaving devices by the pool in a visible, accessible location.
- Be sure to have a telephone poolside with emergency number 911 posted on the phone.

